

# Senate Study Bill 1096

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BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to health insurance premium rate restrictions for  
2 small employer carriers.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1606XL 81  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 513B.4, subsection 2, unnumbered  
1 2 paragraph 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 Case characteristics other than age, geographic area,  
1 4 family composition, and group size shall not be used by a  
1 5 small employer carrier without the prior approval of the  
1 6 commissioner. Group size shall not be considered in rating a  
1 7 small employer group of not less than two and not more than  
1 8 nine full-time equivalent eligible employees if consideration  
1 9 of that characteristic would cause the group to be  
1 10 automatically rated at the highest level allowed.

1 11 EXPLANATION  
1 12 This bill prohibits an insurance carrier that provides  
1 13 small employer group health coverage from considering group  
1 14 size when determining premium rates for a small employer group  
1 15 that has two to nine full-time equivalent eligible employees  
1 16 if consideration of that characteristic would cause the group  
1 17 to be automatically rated at the highest level allowed.  
1 18 LSB 1606XL 81  
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